

# Community Engagement Conference

Partnering to Advance Health and Wellness



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## Our Common Home:

**A Youth-Based Approach to Food Security**

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- **Trevor Secord** – (not pictured)



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